

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 12 JUNE 2024

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Wednesday 12 June 2024 at 3.00pm

Present: Provost McKenzie, Councillors Armstrong, Brennan, Cassidy, Crowther, Curley, Moran, McCluskey, Nelson (for Wilson), Quinn and Reynolds.

Chair: Councillor Moran presided.

In attendance:

David Keenan	Solicitor (for Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services)
Anne Sinclair	Legal Services Manager (Licensing, Litigation & Committees)
Emma Peacock	Solicitor
Diane Sweeney	Senior Committee Officer

In attendance also: Sergeant I Robertson, Superintendent S Glasgow and PC S Deane (Police Scotland).

The meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Councillors Brennan, McCluskey and Reynolds attending remotely.

The following paragraphs are submitted for information only, having been dealt with under the powers delegated to the Board.

304 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 304

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Wilson with Councillor Nelson substituting.

Councillor McCluskey declared an interest in Agenda Items 2 (Notification by County Grand Lodge of Ayrshire Renfrewshire & Argyll to hold annual Boyne Celebration Procession on 29 June 2024 through parts of Greenock/Gourock) and 3 (Notification by Gourock Defenders of the Faith L.O.L. 345 to hold annual parade on 22 June 2024 through parts of Gourock).

It was agreed in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

305 Application for Renewal of a Taxi Driver's Licence 305

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services requesting the Board to consider an application for the renewal of a Taxi Driver's Licence which was granted, all as detailed in the private appendix.

Following consideration of this item the Board returned to public session.

306 Notification by County Grand Lodge of Ayrshire Renfrewshire & Argyll to hold 306

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annual Boyne Celebration Procession on 29 June 2024 through parts of Greenock/Gourock

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services requesting the Board to consider the notification by the County Grand Lodge of Ayrshire Renfrewshire & Argyll to hold a public procession through parts of Greenock and Gourock on Saturday 29 June 2024 for the Annual Boyne Celebration Parade. Councillor McCluskey declared an interest in this and the following item as he had made a public comment on the applications and left the meeting for the remainder of the business.

The Board heard Mr J Wallace, Mr J MacLean and Mr D Walter on behalf of the County Grand Lodge of Ayrshire Renfrewshire & Argyll, Ms E McKnight as an objector to the procession, and Superintendent Glasgow and PC Deane from Police Scotland.

PC Deane advised the Board of a typographical error within the Police Scotland Procession Summary, which formed appendix 1 to the report, and accordingly the Risk to Public Safety observation should be ticked as 'low risk' only, and not both 'high risk' and 'low risk'.

The members then retired to consider the matter before returning to public session.

Councillor Moran moved that it would not be appropriate to impose a prohibition order preventing the holding of the procession and/or any additional conditions beyond the Council's standard conditions regarding parades and processions.

As an amendment, Councillor Reynolds moved that a prohibition notice should be imposed preventing the holding of the procession.

Following a roll-call vote, 1 Member, Councillor Reynolds, voted for the amendment, and 8 Members, Provost McKenzie, Councillors Armstrong, Brennan, Cassidy, Crowther, Curley, Moran and Nelson voted for the motion, which was declared carried. Councillor Quinn abstained from voting.

Decided: that neither a prohibition order be made nor additional conditions beyond the Council's standard conditions be imposed on the public procession organised by County Grand Lodge of Ayrshire Renfrewshire & Argyll through parts of Greenock and Gourock on Saturday 29 June 2024 for the Annual Boyne Celebration Parade.

Councillor Cassidy, having removed himself from the Chambers prior to the vote on the above item but having remained connected to the meeting remotely, left the meeting at this juncture.

307 Notification by Gourock Defenders of the Faith L.O.L. 345 to hold annual parade on 22 June 2024 through parts of Gourock 307

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services requesting the Board to consider the notification by the Gourock Defenders of the Faith L.O.L. 345 to hold a public procession through parts of Gourock on Saturday 22 June 2024, this being an annual parade.

Councillor McCluskey was not in attendance for consideration of this item of business, having declared an interest in this and the preceding item as he had made a public comment on the applications.

The Board heard Mr J Wallace, Mr J MacLean and Mr D Walter on behalf of the Gourock Defenders of the Faith L.O.L. 345, and PC Deane from Police Scotland.

Decided: that neither a prohibition order be made nor additional conditions beyond the Council's standard conditions be imposed on the public procession organised by the Gourock Defenders of the Faith L.O.L. 345 through parts of Gourock on Saturday 22 June 2024 for the annual parade.

